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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2004, in which the Examiner applied a restriction requirement to Claims 1-15, 25, 27-33, 44 and 50 (Group I); Claims 16, 34, 41-42 and 45 (Group II); Claims 17-20, 35-36 and 46-47 (Group III); Claims 21-24, 37 and 48-49 (Group IV) and Claims 26, 40 and 51 (Group V). Applicants elect to prosecute Claims 1-15, 25, 27-33, 44 and 50 (Group I) without traverse.

If a telephonic interview with the Applicants' undersigned representative would be helpful in resolving any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (651) 733-2180.

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